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July 25, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing you today to state my support for LightSquared's efforts in launching a new, nationwide 4G-LTE network. This network fulfills a crucial goal of our National Broadband Plan by increasing the amount of spectrum assigned to broadband wireless.

LightSquared's revolutionary network is a ground network backed up by satellite. This will greatly increase access to broadband for the millions of Americans that currently don't have any type of internet, especially in the rural areas. The company has provided satellite communications to the public safety and homeland security community for decades; the new network's ability to reach remote locations and provide seamless coverage will continue to be a great benefit to first responders, health care workers, and emergency response personnel.

Because LightSquared uses a wholesale business model, smaller wireless providers will be able to offer world-class broadband service and enable numerous new competitors to enter the wireless market. With competition comes innovation, greater choice for consumers, and lower prices.

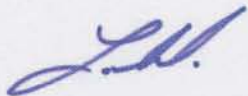
LightSquared's network will also be a greatly needed investment for our economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during the infrastructure build out. As a union worker, job creation is something I am very concerned about. It will not cost the Federal treasury a dime. LightSquared has already invested over \$1 billion in satellite and spectrum development. Additionally, LightSquared plans

to spend at least \$14 billion more in network infrastructure, deployment, and operations over the next eight years. Their investment will create economic opportunities and job growth in areas that could really use a boost.

The potential for interference with GPS devices is without a doubt a serious issue that must be addressed by the FCC. LightSquared's proposal to only operate in the lower bands of its licensed spectrum removes any issues with 99.95% of GPS receivers. Because the United States desperately needs to expand its wireless broadband capacity, the next logical step is for the GPS industry to make the adjustments needed to fix the remaining 1% of receivers.

The GPS community has had eight years to prepare for this. The American people should not be forced to wait longer – and certainly not indefinitely – for the GPS industry to get their act together. We should not accommodate their procrastination.

Sincerely,



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